This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

What is claimed is:

1. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

a driven element including a housing having an outer surface, the outer surface having a first raised portion and a first non-raised portion, the first non-raised portion at least partially surrounding the first raised portion, the first raised and first non-raised portions defining a substantially continuous first surface pattern;

a driving element operably coupled to the driven element; and

a shield coupled to the driving element such that the shield at least partially covers at least one of the driven element and the driving element, the shield having an outer surface, the outer surface having a second raised portion and a second non-raised portion, the second non-raised portion at least partially surrounding the second raised portion, the second raised and second non-raised portions defining a substantially continuous second surface pattern that is substantially the same as the first surface pattern.

2. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

a driven element including a housing having an outer surface, the outer surface having a first raised portion and a first non-raised portion, the first non-raised portion at least partially surrounding the first raised portion, the first raised and first non-raised portions defining a first surface pattern;

a driving element operably coupled to the driven element; and

a shield coupled to the driving element such that the shield at least partially covers at least one of the driven element and the driving element, the shield having an outer surface, the outer surface having a second raised portion and a second non-raised portion, the second non-raised portion at least partially surrounding the second raised portion, the second raised and second non-raised portions defining a second surface pattern substantially similar to the first surface pattern;

wherein the driven element housing is a first housing and wherein the driven element further includes a strainer having a second housing, the first surface pattern located substantially on an outer surface of the second housing.

3. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

a driven element including a housing having an outer surface, the outer surface having a first raised portion and a first non-raised portion, the first non-raised portion at least partially surrounding the first raised portion, the first raised and first non-raised portions defining a first surface pattern;

a driving element operably coupled to the driven element; and

a shield coupled to the driving element such that the shield at least partially covers at least one of the driven element and the driving element, the shield having an outer surface, the outer surface having a second raised portion and a second non-raised portion, the second non-raised portion at least partially surrounding the second raised portion, the second raised and second non-raised portions defining a second surface pattern substantially similar to the first surface pattern;

wherein the driven element housing is a first housing and wherein the driven element further includes an air filter having a second housing, the first surface pattern located substantially on an outer surface of the second housing.

4. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein the driven element is a pump.

5. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein the driving element is an electric motor.

6. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

a driven element including a housing having an outer surface, the outer surface having a first raised portion and a first non-raised portion, the first non-raised portion at least partially surrounding the first raised portion, the first raised and first non-raised portions defining a first surface pattern;

a driving element operably coupled to the driven element; and

a shield coupled to the driving element such that the shield at least partially covers at least one of the driven element and the driving element, the shield having an outer surface, the outer surface having a second raised portion and a second non-raised portion, the second non-raised portion at least partially surrounding the second raised portion, the second raised and second non-raised portions defining a second surface pattern substantially similar to the first surface pattern;

wherein the apparatus further comprises a conduit box coupled to the driving element, the conduit box having a base, and at least one wall, the base and wall partially defining a space, the space having an open side opposite the base, and

wherein the shield is coupled to the conduit box.

7. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 6 wherein the conduit box base, at least one wall, and the shield fully define and surround the space.

8. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 6 wherein the apparatus further comprises at least one fastener, and wherein the at least one fastener couples the shield to the conduit box.

9. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 8 wherein the at least one fastener is a screw.

10. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 6 wherein the apparatus further includes an alignment member coupled to the shield, and

wherein the alignment member engages the conduit box to properly align the shield and the driving member.

11. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 10 wherein the alignment member is integrally formed with the shield.

12. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 10 wherein the alignment member is a continuous lip sized and shaped to surround the conduit box.

13. (Original) An apparatus comprising:

a pump including a first housing;

a strainer including a second housing, at least one of the first and second housings having a first plurality of indentations that define a first pattern;

a motor coupled to the pump in a driving relationship;

a conduit box coupled to the motor, the conduit box having a base, at least one wall, and an open side defined by the wall and opposite the base;

a shield including an outer surface, the outer surface having a second plurality of indentations that define a second pattern, the second pattern being similar to the first pattern; and

at least one fastener coupling the shield to the conduit box such that the shield covers the open side of the conduit box and at least partially covers at least one of the pump and the motor.

14. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 13 wherein the first plurality of indentations are substantially parallel to one another, and

wherein the second plurality of indentations are substantially parallel to one another.

15. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 14 wherein the first plurality of indentations is parallel to the second plurality of indentations.

16. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 13 wherein the at least one fastener is a single screw.

17. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 13 wherein the apparatus further comprises an alignment member coupled to the shield, and

wherein the alignment member engages the conduit box to properly align the shield and the motor.

18. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 17 wherein the alignment member is integrally formed with the shield.

19. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 17 wherein the alignment member is a continuous lip sized and shaped to surround the conduit box.

20. (Original) An apparatus comprising:

a pump including a first housing;

a strainer coupled to the pump, the strainer including a second housing, at least one of the first and second housings having a first raised portion and a first non-raised portion, the first non-raised portion at least partially surrounding the first raised portion, the first raised portion and first non-raised portion defining a first surface pattern;

a motor operatively coupled to the pump;

a conduit box coupled to the motor, the conduit box having a base, at least one wall, and an open side defined by the wall and opposite the base;

a shield including an outer surface, the outer surface having a second raised portion and a second non-raised portion, the second non-raised portion at least partially surrounding the second raised portion, the second raised and second non-raised portions defining a second surface pattern; and

at least one fastener coupling the shield to the motor such that the shield at least partially covers at least one of the pump and the motor.

21. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 20 wherein the apparatus further includes an alignment member coupled to the shield, and

wherein the alignment member engages the conduit box to properly align the shield and the motor.

22. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 21 wherein the alignment member is integrally formed with the shield.

23. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 21 wherein the alignment member is a continuous lip sized and shaped to surround the conduit box.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a motor;

a conduit box coupled to the motor, the conduit box having a base, at least one wall, and an open side defined by the wall and opposite the base; ~~and~~

a shield coupled to the conduit box, the shield being substantially larger than the conduit box such that the shield covers the open side of the conduit box and at least a portion of the motor not covered by the conduit box; and

an alignment member coupled to the shield,

wherein the alignment member engages the conduit box to properly align the shield and the motor.

26. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 25 wherein the alignment member is integrally formed with the shield.

27. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 25 wherein the alignment member is a continuous lip sized and shaped to surround the conduit box.

28. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as set forth in claim 25 further comprising a fastener, the fastener being the sole attachment between the shield and the conduit box.

29. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

a motor;

a conduit box coupled to the motor, the conduit box having a base, at least one wall, and an open side defined by the wall and opposite the base, wherein the open side faces up when the motor is in an operating position; and

a shield coupled to the conduit box and sized to cover the open side of the conduit box and to substantially cover the motor.

30. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as set forth in claim 6 wherein the open side faces up when the driving element is in an operating position.

31. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as set forth in claim 8 wherein the at least one fastener is a single screw that directly connects the shield to the conduit box.

32. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as set forth in claim 13 wherein the open side faces up when the motor is in a driving position.

33. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as set forth in claim 16 wherein the single screw directly connects the shield to the conduit box.

34. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as set forth in claim 20 wherein the open side faces up when the motor is in an operating position.

35. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as set forth in claim 20 wherein the at least one fastener is a single screw that directly connects the shield to the conduit box.

36. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as set forth in claim 29 wherein the apparatus further includes an alignment member coupled to the shield, and

wherein the alignment member engages the conduit box to properly align the shield and the motor.

37. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as set forth in claim 36 wherein the alignment member is integrally formed with the shield.

38. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as set forth in claim 36 wherein the alignment member is a continuous lip sized and shaped to surround the conduit box.

39. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as set forth in claim 29 further comprising a fastener, the fastener being the sole attachment between the shield and the conduit box.

40. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as set forth in claim 6 wherein the shield covers the open side of the conduit box.

41. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as set forth in claim 20 wherein the shield covers the open side of the conduit box.